



US Army Corps
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Seattle District



Joint Public Notice

Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence

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Public Notice Date: January 18, 2017
Expiration Date: February 17, 2017

Reference No.: NWS-2012-530
Name: Grays Harbor, Port of

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the U.S. as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings dated May 2012.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

APPLICANT: Port of Grays Harbor
Post Office Box 660
Aberdeen, Washington 98520
Attention: Mr. Randy Lewis
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LOCATION: 28th Street and the Chehalis River at Hoquiam, Washington

WORK: Replace an existing 25-foot wide boat launch ramp with a 30-foot wide concrete launch ramp, excavate no more than 343 cubic yards of material at the waterward end of the ramp to deepen the toe elevation of the ramp by 2 feet, install eight new 8- by 20-foot precast concrete access floats on the upstream side of the boat launch, drive eight 16-inch diameter and 30 10-inch diameter steel piles to anchor the access floats, and replace an existing approximately 133-foot long debris barrier with a 142-foot long barrier. Work proposed to occur landward of the line of Mean Higher High Water (MHHW) that does not require Department of the Army authorization includes the installation of 40,000 square feet of permeable pavement and the installation of a 350 square-foot concrete float abutment.

PURPOSE: To improve recreational access to the Chehalis River, Grays Harbor, and the Pacific Ocean.

Dredged Material Testing: The applicant has chosen not to complete the testing before this Public Notice was published. Prior to completing our review, the proposed dredged material must be tested according to the procedures specified by the Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP). The DMMP evaluation may

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include both chemical and biological testing of sediments. For this project, the DMMP agencies will determine whether the dredged material is suitable for disposal at a DMMP open-water disposal site or must be disposed of at an upland location. The sediment testing data will be available at the Corps, Seattle District, Dredged Material Management Office.

Disposal Site Use Conditions: The following standard site-use conditions will be specified by the Corps and the Washington Department of Natural Resources as part of the Federal/State permitting processes if a permit is issued authorizing disposal at an open-water disposal site: (1) disposal operations must not interfere with Indian treaty fishing at the disposal site, including gill nets and other fishing gear; (2) the permittee must coordinate any nighttime disposal with the Corps, Seattle District, Regulatory Branch Project Manager; and (3) approval must be received from the District Engineer prior to conducting nighttime disposal. Other appropriate special conditions may be added as a result of comments received during the public review period for this public notice.

The location of MHHW shown on the project drawings has not yet been verified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). If the Corps determines the boundaries of the wetland/waters are substantially inaccurate a new public notice may be published.

MITIGATION: The applicant has proposed a conceptual mitigation plan to remove an unspecified number of creosote pilings and install native woody vegetation along the banks of Frye Creek to provide enhanced shading and nutrient input within the project area.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. The Corps has initiated ESA consultation.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area.

The Corps has determined that the proposed action will adversely affect designated EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters. The Corps has initiated EFH consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Corps has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data and other sources of information. Historic properties are recorded near the proposed project. However, they do not occur in the permit area. The permit area was created in modern times and there is little likelihood that the proposed project will impinge on any historic property. The Corps invites responses to this public notice from Native American Tribes or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns regarding historic properties and sites of religious and cultural significance at or near the project area. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the Corps will evaluate potential impacts and consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American Tribes in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as appropriate.

EVALUATION – CORPS: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors

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which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

SOURCE OF FILL MATERIAL: The applicant has not yet identified the source of the fill material. Should a permit be issued, the Corps will evaluate the fill material source prior to the start of construction.

EVALUATION – ECOLOGY: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION: This proposal is the subject of Shorelines Substantial Development Permit No. 12-04 which has been issued by the City of Hoquiam.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would not be contrary to the public interest. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commenter's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

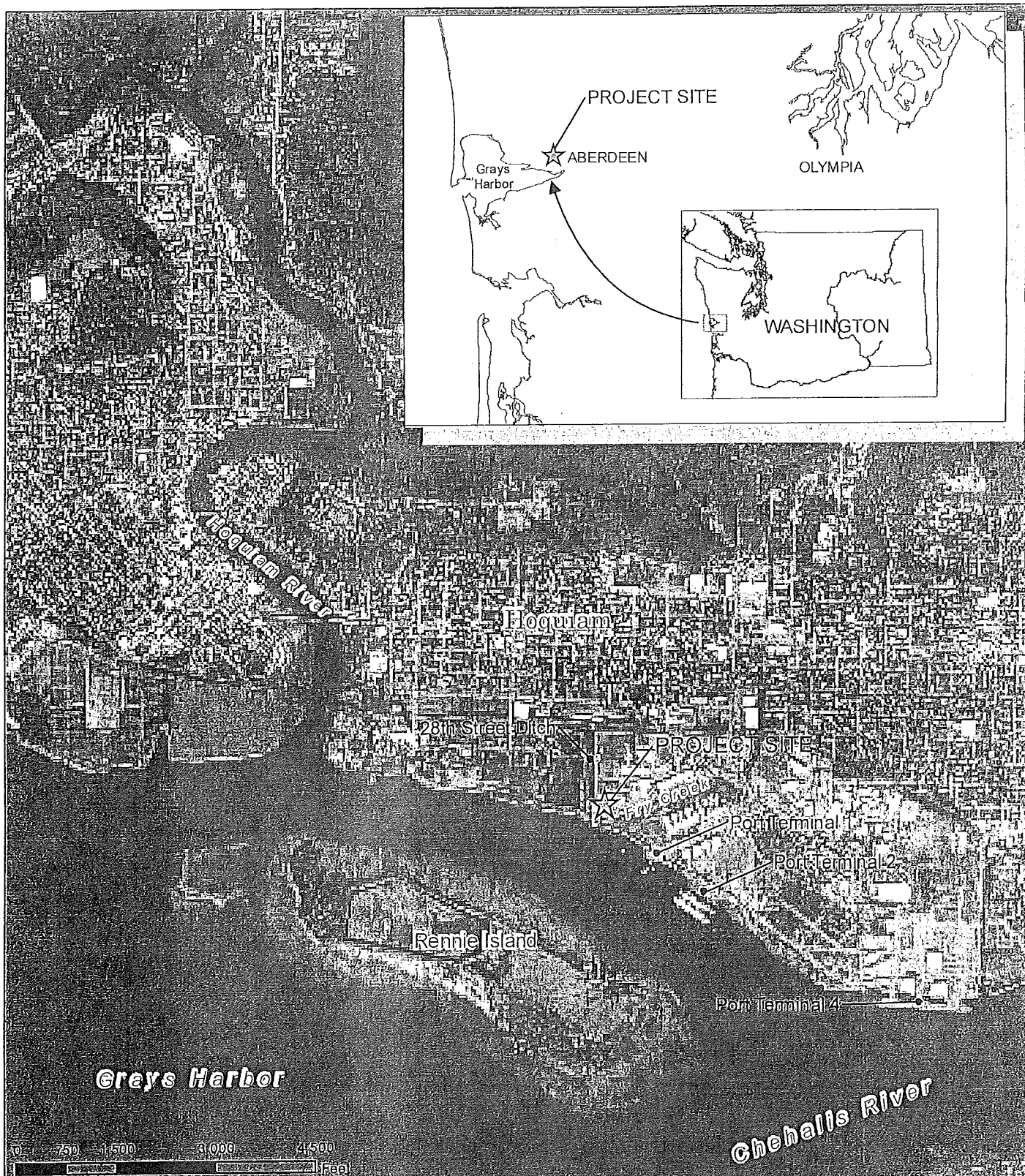
CORPS COMMENTS: All e-mail comments should be sent to jerald.j.gregory@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attention: Mr. Jerry Gregory, P.O. Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

ECOLOGY COMMENTS: Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA and/or Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence, may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Washington State Department of Ecology, Attention: Federal Permit Coordinator, Post Office Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600, or e-mail to ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov.

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To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Port of Grays Harbor; NWS-2012-530

Encl: Figures (12)



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DATUM: MHHW = 8.5
MLLW = 0.00

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:
PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR

FIGURE 1 - VICINITY MAP
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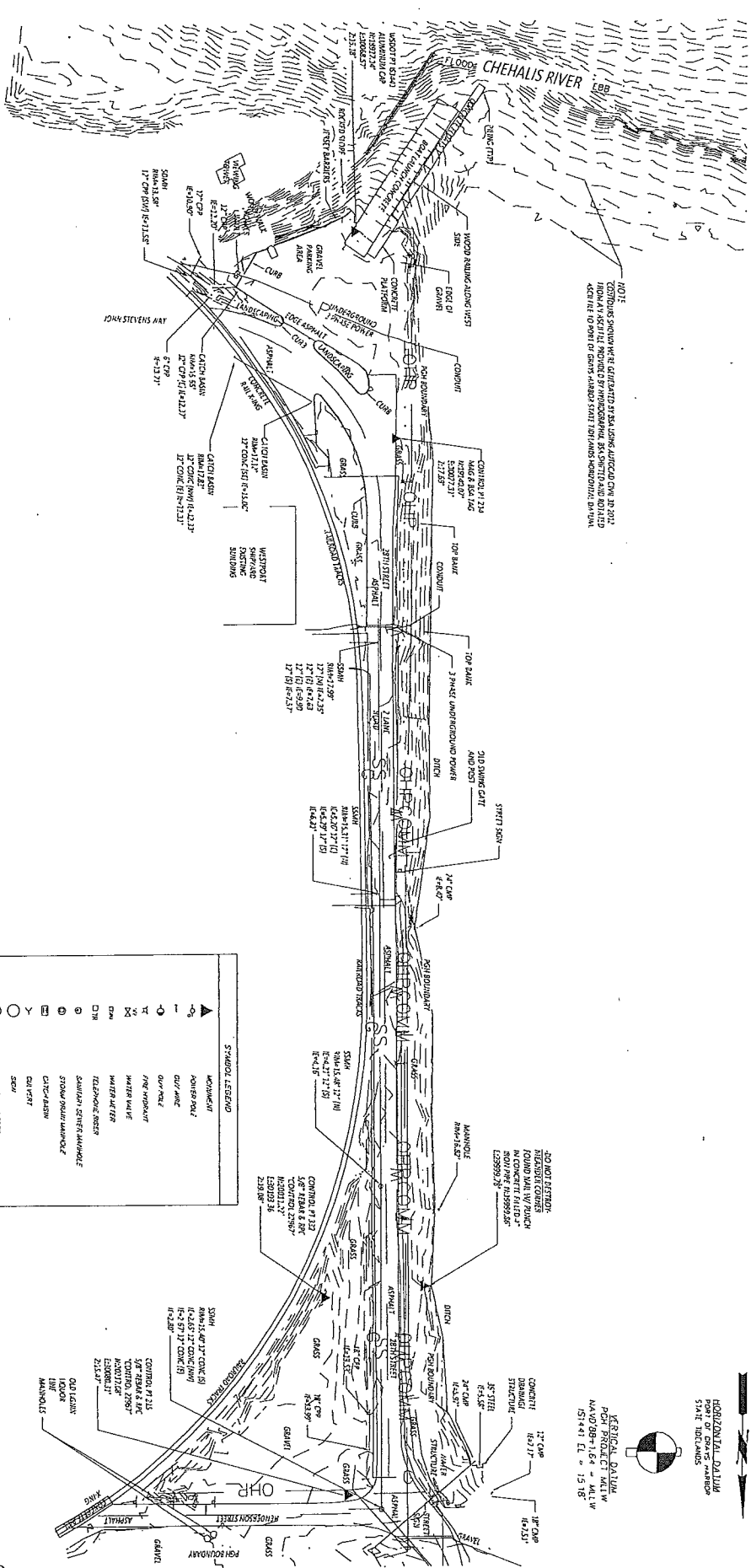


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VERTICAL DATUM
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NAVD83+1.64' = MLLW
151+41 EL. = 15.18'

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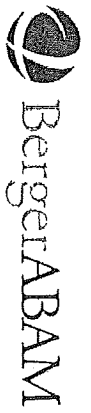


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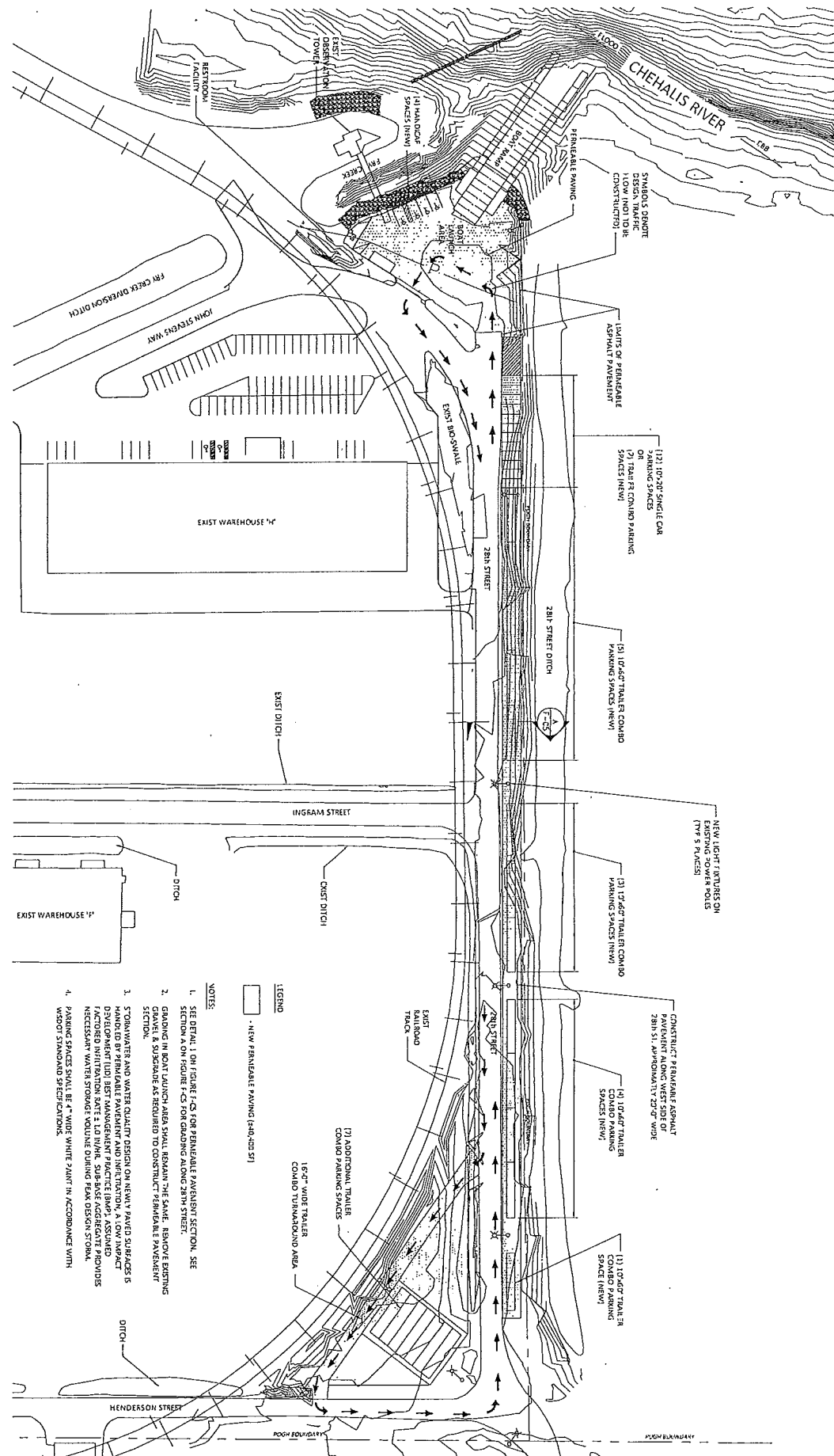
FIGURE 2 - EXISTING CONDITIONS



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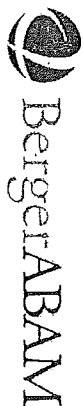


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FIGURE 3 - SITE PLAN - GRADING, DRAINAGE, PAVING, STRIPING



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SECTION - GRADING ALONG 28th ST.



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DETAIL - PERMEABLE PAVEMENT
SCALE: N15

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FIGURE 7 - DEMOLITION PLAN

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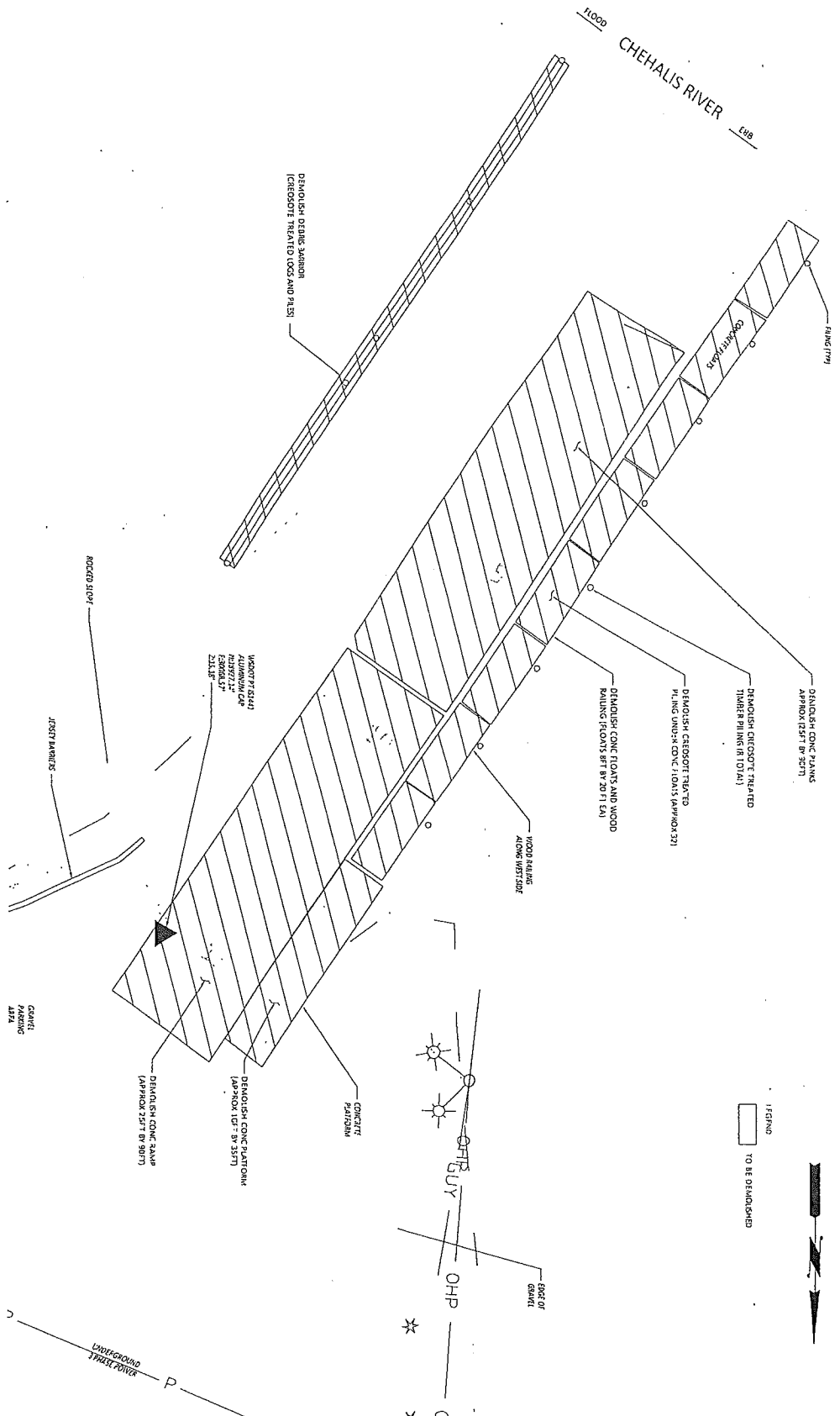
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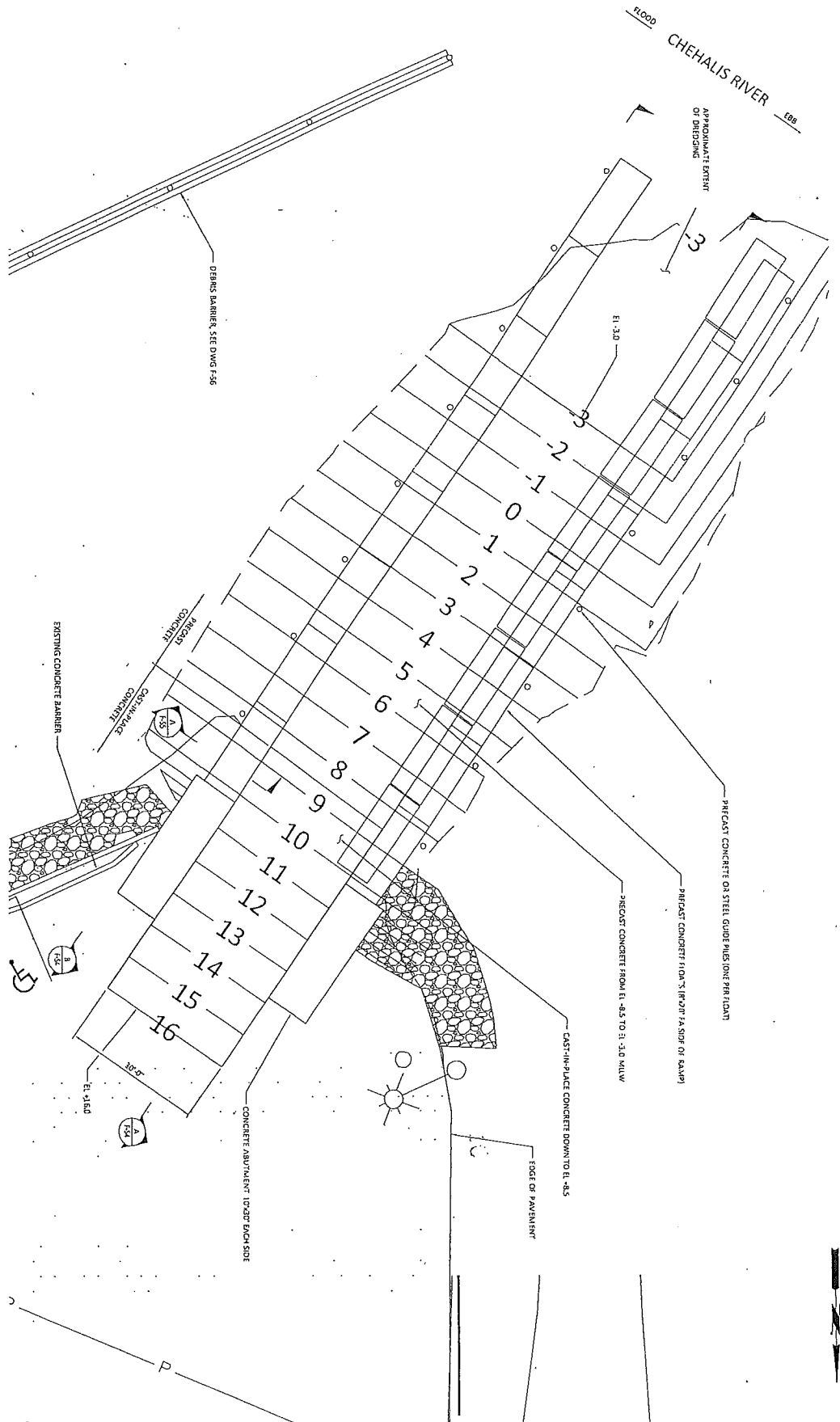
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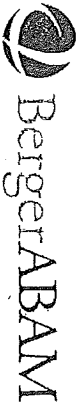


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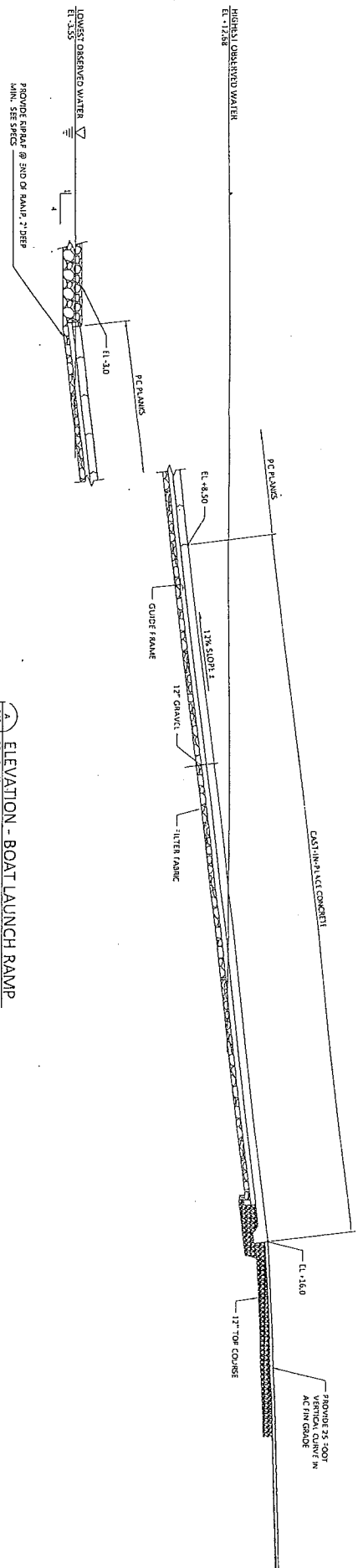
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FIGURE 8 - BOAT LAUNCH RAMP PLAN

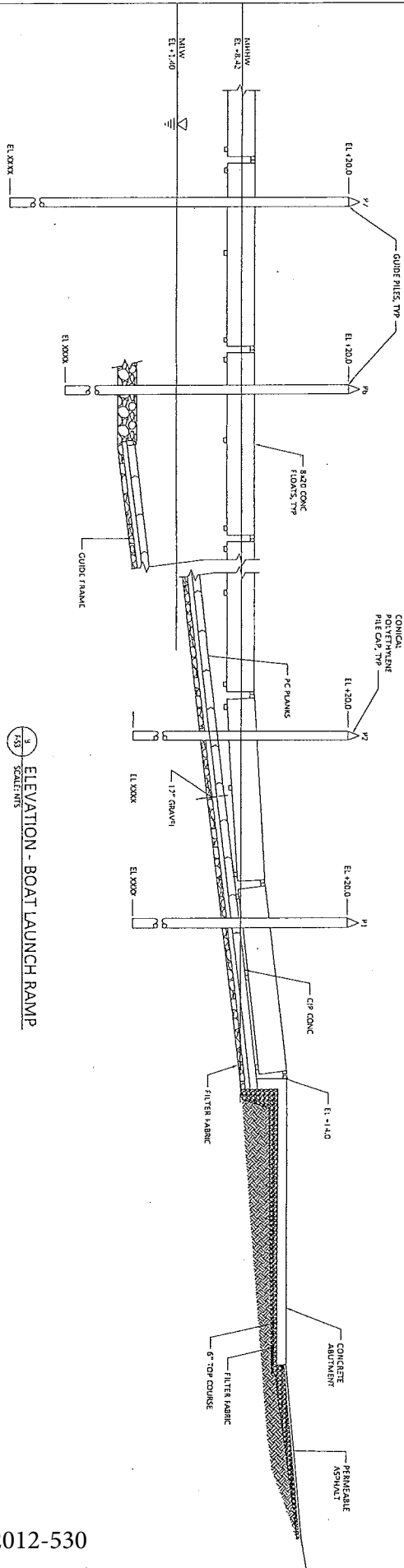


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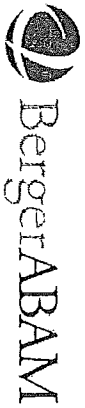
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FIGURE 9 - BOAT LAUNCH RAMP ELEVATIONS



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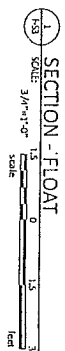
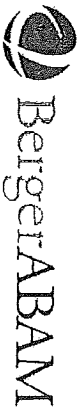
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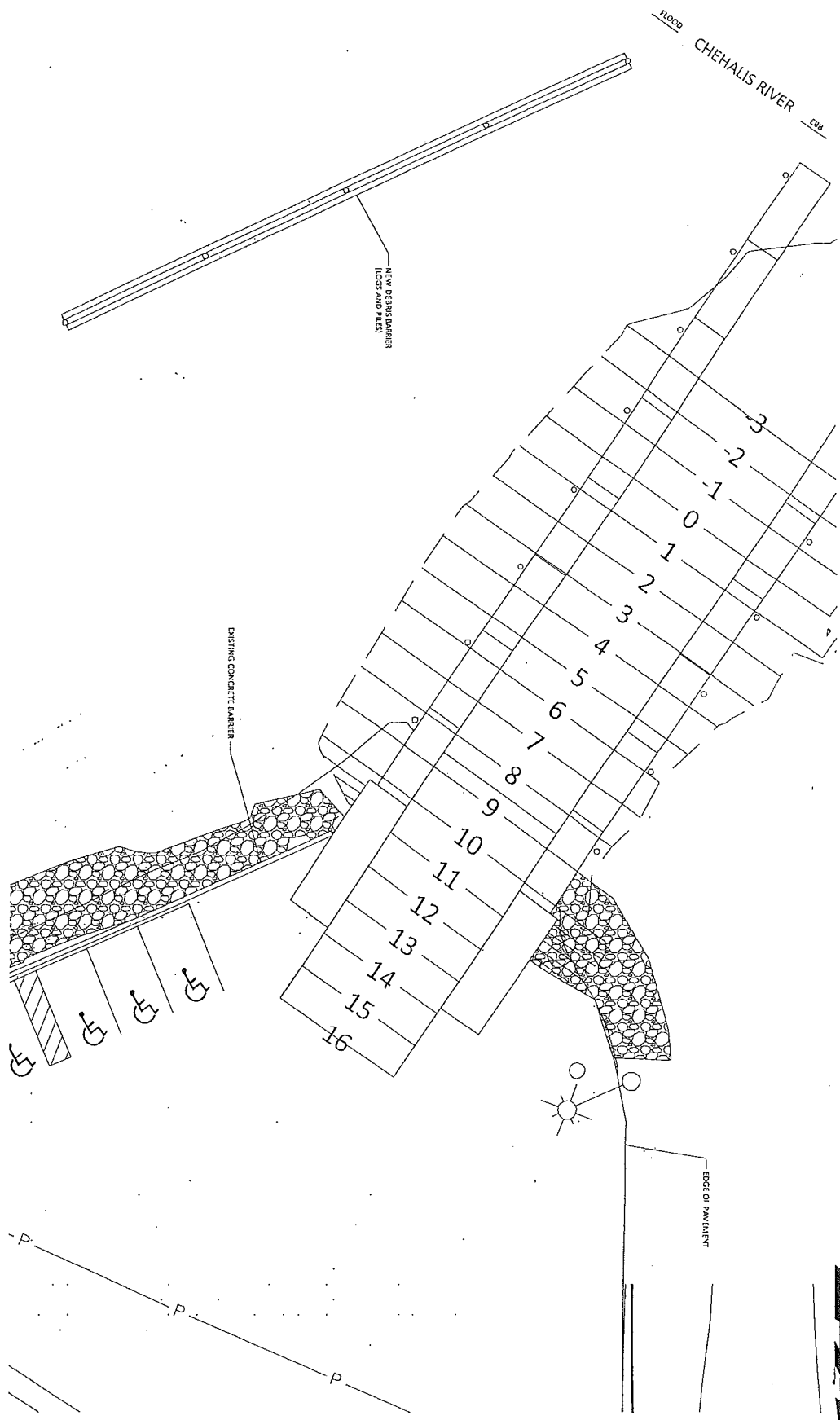


FIGURE 10 - BOAT LAUNCH RAMP SECTIONS

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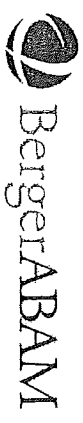


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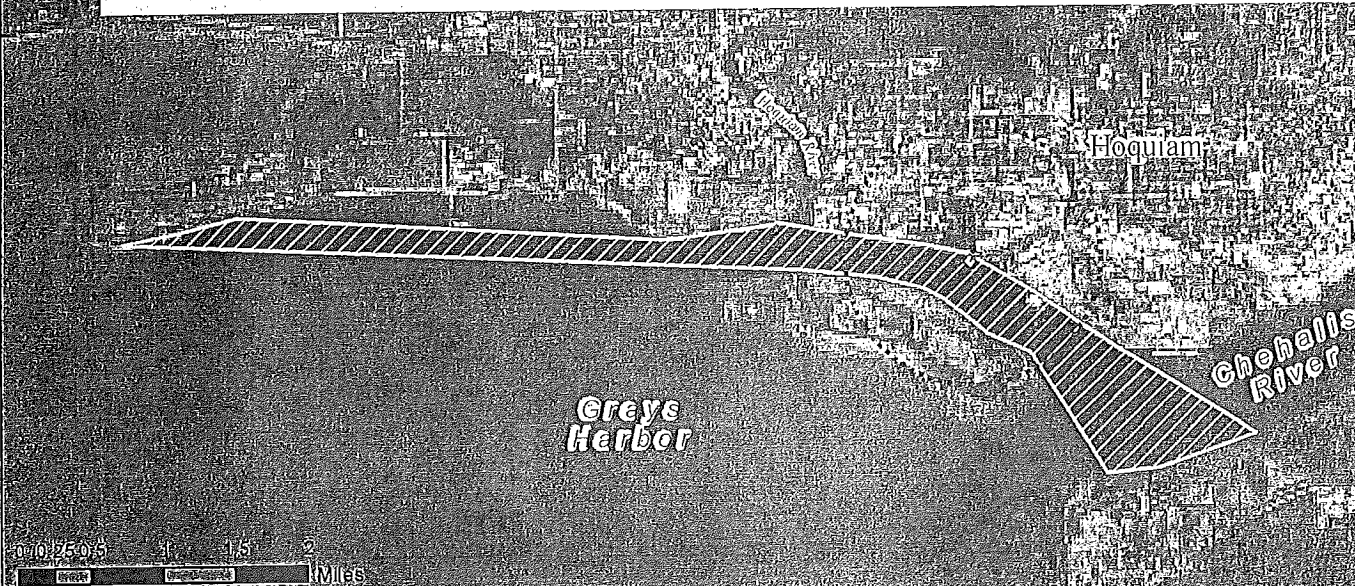
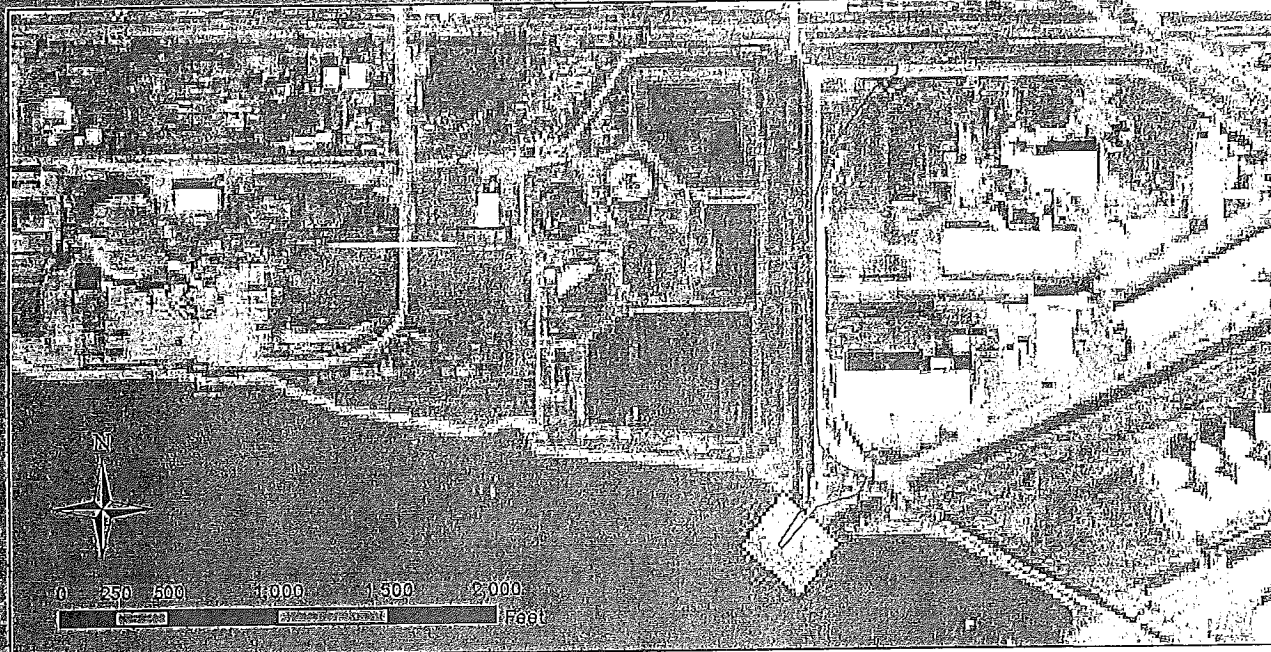
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FIGURE 11 - DEBRIS BARRIER PLAN



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Legend

-  Project Footprint
-  Temporarily Elevated Sediment and Turbidity (150 ft)
-  Temporarily Elevated Underwater Noise During Pile Removal & Installation
-  Temporarily Elevated Terrestrial Noise (3200 ft. radius)

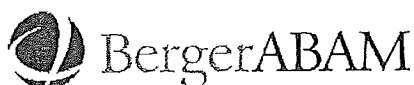
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FIGURE 12 - ACTION AREA

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